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# DR. WILINSKY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF A. H. A.

Admiral W.H.P. Blandy, U.S.N. (Ret.), Banquet Speaker, and Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky, President, at the A.H.A. meeting.

At the 52nd Annual Convention of the American Hospital Association held in Atlantic City, Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky, Executive Director of the Beth Israel Hospital, was inaugurated as President. On September 21st, 1950, Dr. Wilinsky took office and began his duties with the Association. It was noted at the ceremony that no other man had been honored both as the President of the American Public Health Association and President of the American Hospital Association.

Dr. Wilinsky has been an active member of the American Hospital Association since 1928. Since 1946 he has served as a Trustee and for many years has been active on the Association's Council on Government Relations. Dr. Wilinsky will address the many sectional meetings of the hospital groups throughout the nation.

Dr. Wilinsky takes office during a difficult time for the Association and the country as a whole. He will be called upon to guide the activities of the hospitals of the nation in relation to federal legislation and in the increasing difficulties encountered with supplies and personnel.

In his speech of acceptance, Dr. Wilinsky voiced his understanding of the great responsibility placed upon him and stated his desire to live up to the trust. The ovation given to him and the many letters and telegrams of congratulations showed clearly that his many friends and fellow members of the Association had no doubt that he would fulfill their trust.

Beth Israel representatives who attended the Convention and were present at the inauguration were: Mr. Nelson O. Lindley, Assistant Director, Mr. Vincent Godlesky Purchasing Agent, Mr. Sam Ruth, Administrative Intern; and from the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Joseph Levy President, and Mrs. A.E.Pinansky, National committee woman.

# DR.GELLIS CHIEF OF PEDIATRICS

The hospital wishes to welcome Dr. Sidney Gellis, newly appointed Chief of Pediatrics. Dr. Gellis comes to us from the Children's Hospital, where he has serves succesively as Research Fellow, Assistant Physician, Physician, Chief of the Medical OPD and Assistant Physician in Chief. Dr. Gellis's appointment marks the beginning of the Beth Israel's affiliation with Harvard Medical School and the Children's Hospital as a teaching hospital in Pediat-

rics. Dr. Gellis holds the title of Associate in Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. S. Gellis


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# VOLUNTEER NEWS

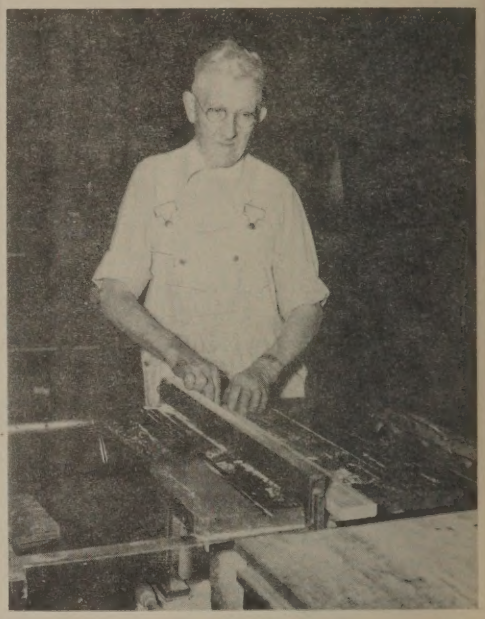
Volunteer Service wishes to pay tribute to the faithful volunteers who served during the summer months, and to the many college students who made such satisfactory replacements for those on vacation. Among the colleges represented in the program were: Vassar, Smith Wellesley, Tufts, Boston University, Syracuse, Simmons, and Radcliffe. And welcome back, our regular volunteers!

In this issue we would also like to pay tribute to our Blood Bank Volunteers, chiefly a group of Grey Ladies, who, under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Milton Schef-freen and Mrs. William Silverman, have rendered a most valuable service. Presently serving in the Blood Bank are: Mesdames Irving Gould, Robert Shufro, Sumner Feldberg, Max Bravman, Dave Harris, and Misses Zara Greene and Frances Greenberg. These volunteers give daily service Monday through Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Spunt, Chairman of the Grey Ladies was active in the training course offered at Red Cross Headquarters, training new Grey Ladies for service in all Boston Hospitals. Miss Dorothy Brickman, Director of Volunteer Service, lectured to this group on the 'Role of the Volunteer in the Hospital.'

Now with the fall program in full swing, there are committee meetings and many plans which in the end result will mean greater assistance to the various departments. If you need help of any kind, just call VOLUNTEER SERVICE!

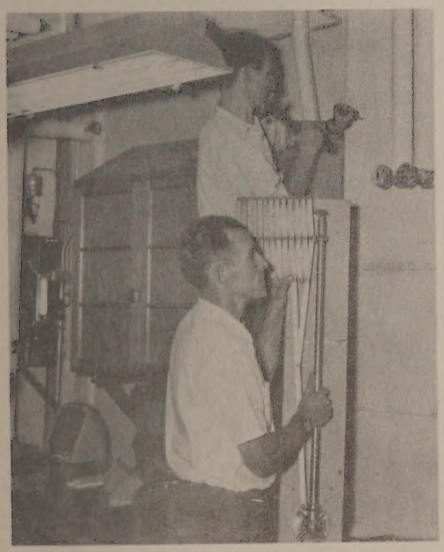
# PERSONALITIES



## Malcolm Blue

Around the Maintenance Department and to the rest of the staff, Malcolm Blue is 'the best carpenter and cabinet maker here or any place.'. Always smiling, Malcolm's wit and congeniality, his lively sense of humor can always be depended upon to give the Maintenance Department a 'lift' even in their busiest moments. Malcolm has been with us at the Beth Israel Hospital since 1944, and Mr. Kinney will vouch for the fact that in energy and spryness he 'can keep up with and go ahead of any younger man in the department.' Three years ago Malcolm and Mrs. Blue were tended a Golden Wedding Anniversary Party by the Maintenance Department, and now after 53 years of married life Malcolm can boast of 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. The Beth Israel Record wishes you and your family the best of luck, Malcolm, as we look forward to many more years of happy association with you.

# JACK OF ALL TRADES - MAINTENANCE DEPT.



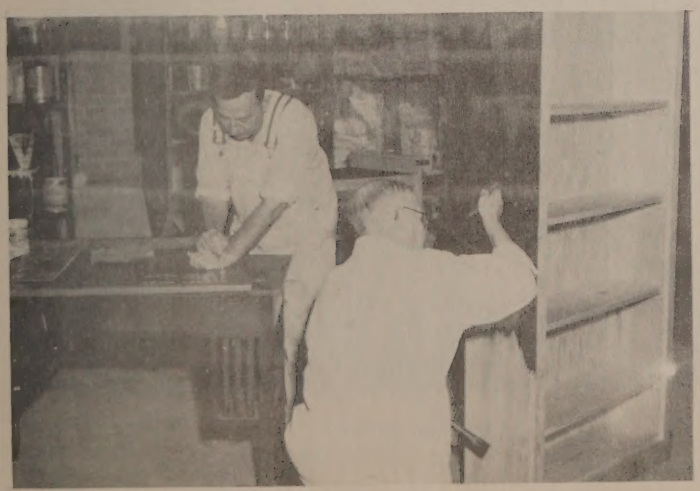
1. The hub of the busy Maintenance Department, with Helen Schwartz, secretary, Harry Bailey, foreman, Vincent Gardner, Administrative Engineer, and Robert Kinney, Chief Engineer, going over the latest problems

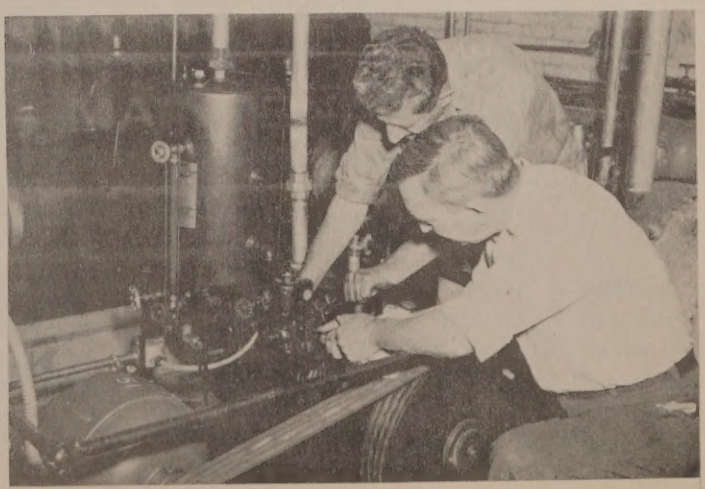
2. Fred Silversmith, electrician, repairs X-Ray equipment in the busy shop.

3. Calvin Moyette and Arthur Campbell take care of one of the many installation problems.

4. From sign painting to cabinets, Roy Daurie and Ole Swenson keep the Paint Shop buzzing.

5. James O'Rourke and Harry Ferullo make sure this machine won't break down.





# NEW QUARTERS FOR THE BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank, under the supervision of Dr. Mark Lesses, has moved into its attractive new quarters in the basement of the old building, adjacent to the Central Supply Room. Here Miss Miriam Shapiro, Blood Bank Nurse, is shown taking blood from a donor in the air-conditioned Bleeding Room. The Bleeding Room is furnished with five beds where both the donor and the out-patient can be comfortable while donating and receiving the blood. The Blood Bank is equipped with a pleasant waiting room for donors and patients as well as the necessary laboratories and automatic refrigeration that keeps the blood at the required temperature at all times. In the past year 2300 pints of blood have been donated at the Beth Israel Blood Bank, while ¼ of the supply has been furnished by the Red Cross.

Dr. Lesses, assisted by Nurses Miriam Shapiro and Cynthia Davis, has been operating the Blood Bank at full speed in an effort to constantly have supplies of blood available for those who are in need of this service. The scheduled hours for donations are:
Monday through Thursday, 12:30-4, no appointment necessary.
By appointment:----------
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday-after 10
Friday and Saturday-all day
Sunday, 10:30-11:30--------
Wednesday evening-until 7:30.

# THE RECORD SHOWS

NOTES OF INTEREST:

*Miss Dorothy Brickman,* Director of Volunteer Service since 1946, has resigned. She is leaving early in December for Europe to visit relatives and friends for several months. A farewell tea was held for her on October 31st. We all wish her the best of luck. A hearty welcome to her successor, *Mrs. Phyllis Sugarman,* who has been active as a Grey Lady for the past three years.--Another new face is that of *Mr. Vincent Gardner,* Administrative Engineer in our Maintenance Department. An MIT graduate, Mr. Gardner resides in Belmont--Welcome to the BIH family!--The 'Record' would also like to extend a welcome to all other new personnel at the hospital.--*Miss Natalie Nathan,* Admitting Officer, takes honors for distance on vacations--she travelled through Europe, visiting Israel, Switzerland, London, and Paris.--*Dr. Harold Rosenfield,* Chief of Obstetrics, has been appointed Assistant Clinical Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Harvard Medical School.

ENGAGEMENTS: *Elinore London* (X-Ray) to *Melvin Michaels--Annette Freedman*(Surg. Res.) to *Robert Kisner--Harriet Strauss*(Clin. Path.) to *Morris Saxe--Zelda Rappaport*(Accounting) to *Jerome Robbins--Corinne Ankiewicz*(Pathology) to *Edward Witkowski.*

MARRIAGES: *Hazel Lebow*(Med. Res.) to *Philip Shiff* on November 26th--*Selma Medoff*(Record Room) to *Edward Bookman* on November 5th.

BIRTHS: To: Assistant Director *Sidney Liswood* and his wife, a son, Joshua, born on September 6, 1950, weighing six pounds, fourteen oz. To: Second Cook *Robert Putnam* and his wife, a son, Robert Jr., born on August 28, 1950, weighing seven and one half pounds.

The Central Supply Department tends a celebration to the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. William Cameron. Mrs. Cameron is the former Alma Bell of C.S.R. while Mr. Cameron works in the Maintenance Department.

# NURSES NOTES

One of the many important happenings in the Nursing Department is the fact that our students are now going to the Obstetrical Division of the Beth Israel Hospital for their obstetrical affiliation. We have an excellent staff and teaching program and hear very nice reports from the students, who are enjoying this affiliation.

The Class of 1950 is practically all in white, and many of these nurses have returned to the Beth Israel Hospital. *Mrs. Phyllis (Locke) Gale* is on S1. *Miss Smofsky* and *Miss Shomes* are on S4, *Miss Spielberg* is on N6, and *Miss Colchy* is in the O.R.

*Miss Corinne Sater* has left the Nursery and is now on 5E, with *Miss LeMay*. *Mrs. Pearl (Crevoshay) Arnold* is back in the Surgical OPD. *Mrs. Selma (Cooperman) Flash* is now on N6. Another student has joindd the married ranks--*Mrs. Dorothy (Hunting) Reed--Mrs. Russell Barnett* has a baby boy, *Russell Jr.*

*Mrs. Dorothy (MacIntosh) McLeod* our newest bride is the Nursery Supervisor. There have been several changes on the floors *Miss Phyllis Byer* is now in the recovery room, *Miss Sylvia Lipsitz* is now Assistant Head Nurse on 4B, *Miss Rita Handler* is the Head Nurse and *Miss Esther Bernstein* is the Assistant Head Nurse on N7. We have several new nurses from neighboring cities and towns who are staffing our floors and are very welcome additions to the Nursing staff.

Our newest evening and night supervisors are *Mrs. Claire Smith* and *Mrs. Sylvia Bailet*. We have added several permanent 2:30-11:00 nurses to our staff--*Mrs. Rose Pepiora* on S4, *Mrs. Harriet McIntyre* on S3, *Miss Winifred Grant* on N6 and *Mrs. Bernice Schein* on E.W. On permanent night duty 11-7 we have *Mrs. Robinia Johnston* on S4, *Miss Florence Porter* on S3, *Mrs. Marilyn Ludwig* and *Miss Kathleen Twomey* on N7, *Miss Margaret Saxe* on N6 and *Mrs. Marie Saunders* on E.W., *Miss Libia Robinson* on S1.

The class schedule is now in full program and we have busy days in the classroom and on the floors with our clinical teaching program. The house staff have been most helpful in our weekly clinics that are held for the student nurses and have never refused our request.

The Massachusetts State Nurses Association held their annual convention in Springfield, Mass. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday October 19, 20, 21, 1950. *Miss Evelyn Rosen* attended the full convention. The *Misses McKinnon* and *Kempun* with five students, *Miss Ruth Kats, Mis. Dolores Marks, Miss Mary Tudor, Miss Florence Coslow,* and *Miss Irene Sable* attended the Thursday meetings. Student night was held on Thursday. The *Misses Nataupsky, Siegel* and *Mrs. Brillard* attended the Friday meetings, and the *Mrs. Gilman* and *Miss Schacter* attended the Friday afternoon and all day Saturday meetings.

The Nurses Alumnae Association of the Beth Israel Hospital is now holding their meetings again, now that fall is here and we are down to serious business as vacations are over.

As usual the maternity department of this hospital is seeing very many of our alumnae members who now come home to have their babies and are very happy to have this addition to the hospital in full working order.

# SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS

Social Service welcomes many new members to its fold this Fall Mrs. Marna Darragh, our newest Social Worker comes to us from Montreal, Canada. Mrs. Rita Weiner, one of the new secretaries is all the way from Johannesburg, South Africa--talk about cosmopolitanism. And Miss Nancy Dine, our new executive secretary, is a graduate of Chandler Secretarial School

We want to tell you, too, that Peggy Lynch, our past executive secretary has left us for what promises to be a wonderful career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The agency is fortunate, indeed, to have such a girl as Peggy.

On the truly neophite side, we have four new student social workers: Misses Irma Lewis, Louise Browning, Dorothea Banks and Susan Doran. The hospital and the department extend a glad welcome to all.

The Social Service Department spent a very enjoyable evening last October 5th at the home of Mrs. Ethel Berger. The occasion was a farewell to Miss Trudy Ingall, former case aide and a new student at the Simmons College School of Social Work.

# DIETARY DOINGS

There have been several changes in the Dietary Department. Eva Harcovitz, assistant administrative dietitian, became Mrs. Robert Kanchuga and after a Bermuda honeymoon is now devoting her time to her home. Miss Haydee Cabrera resigned as Therapeutic Dietitian to go to Ann Arbor, Michigan to study for her graduate degree. Miss Dorothy Coparan is now our Main Kitchen Administrative Dietitian and Miss Rhoda Paletz, one of our recent graduates is her first assistant Miss Edith Jaffee is replacing Miss Cabrera, and Phyllis Pothier, another of our former graduates is our Obstetrical dietitian. Other new Dietitians include Miss Elizabeth Prescott, Private Floors

Miss Adrianne Ricles, Semi-Private Floors, and Miss Elinor Hylen, Assistant Dietitian in the Dining Room.

Mrs. Doris Goldstein, former secretary of the Dietary Department, had a son, and of course, she came to --- the Beth Israel on October 12th, the Dietetic Interns and staff Dietitians entertained at a country dance held at the Nurses' Home. And of course a good time was had by all..

Ten students entered the School of Dietetics on the 1st of September. They are : Harriet Alpard of Wharton, Texas; Sylvia Bloom from Los Angeles, California; Mariian Niiya from Honolulu; Mary May from Dubuque, Iowa; Betty Smith from Cincinnati; New Yorkers Mildred Postoff of Poughkeepsie and Estelle Tabak from Brooklyn, and the Massachusetts contingent, Rose Goodman from Spencer, Anna Lambert from Boston and Ruth Nelson from Hingham.

Mrs. Lillian Reiner went into her new office as president of the Massachusetts Dietetic Association in November. She and Miss Dorothy Friedman attended the American Dietetic Association convention in Washington this fall.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security, Old Age and Survivor's Insurance, for which we have been waiting for many years is now in effect at the Beth Israel Hospital, as of January 1, 1951. In November, the Trustees, under the new provisions of the law, voted to pay their share of the tax in order that the employees might receive Social Security benefits. The employee vote was taken December 15 through 16, and well over the necessary two-thirds expressed their desire to be included in the program. all new employees, who started work on or after December 17, 1950, must automatically be included under the plan.

# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

## B.I.B. STANDS For BETH ISRAEL BABIES

Beth Israel Babies Alumnae makes its bow as one of the new projects of the Women's Auxiliary. In appreciation of the new joy in their lives, mothers will be able to enroll their babies in the B. I. B. Alumnae by contributing one dollar each year until the child reaches its tenth birthday. Each year a birthday greeting will come to the members of the alumnae bringing good wishes for their future happiness. The funds raised by this project will aid in helping to provide the special nursing care given to all premature babies born at the hosptal, whose parents cannot afford to pay for it. Membership in the Beth Israel Babies Alumnae is a privilege of babies born at Beth Israel Hospital. Mrs. Charles F. Wilinsky will head the committee.

## GIFT SHOP

As the holiday time approached one of the busiest and most popular spots in the hospital was the Gift Shop. The festive window displays, the variety of selections, and the special gift wrapping service, tempted one and all to avoid the crowded stores and shop in comfort. Not only does the Gift Shop offer something for every member of the family and every age, from toys, novelties, lingerie, jewelry, cards, candies, gifts for the home, and the latest books, but also for the professional staff: there are letterheads, announcements and bill heads. You can even order your wedding invitations or baby announcements here. The Gift Shop will also take your orders for magazine subscriptions.

Beth Israel Hospital has inaugurated a new service--pictures of Beth Israel Babies for proud parents to take home. Mr. Paul Showstack and the Gift Shop are cooperating on this project

## THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop moved into its new, larger, and more attractive quarters at 192 Washington Street, Brookline Village, on October the 28th.

Here you will find a veritable treasure chest of new and old merchandise for the home and for the family. Shoes, hats, underwear, coats, suits, overcoats, stockings, and jewelry--outfits for men, women and children; yard goods, glassware, china, bric-a-brac, books furniture, all things the household needs for usefulness as well as decoration, are on sale at the shop.

It pays to visit the Thrift Shop for excellent values. The merchandise comes from friends of the hospital who wish to make the things they no longer use acquire new value through the service provided by the sale of these things.

If you have anything that you do not need--that is saleable--send it to the Thrift Shop or call Longwood 6-1822 for someone to pick up your bundle.

Your patronage and co-operation is solicited and appreciated.

Mrs. Louis Feinburg
Chairman